

Our Story



Established in 1981, NUS-ISS develops digital talent for the industry through graduate education, professional development programmes, consultancy, applied research and career services. NUS-ISS is widely recognised as a champion of industry transformation, future jobs and future skills, enabling a digital economy that is always learning and always leading. NUS-ISS has implemented a unique portfolio of multiple learning pathways, with a wide spectrum of programmes in critical industry disciplines, such as software development, data science, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, smart health, digital government and digital innovation. To date, over 166,000 digital leaders & professionals, 8,060 corporate clients organisations and 7,600 graduate programmes alumni have benefitted from NUS-ISS's suite of services. Its programmes are delivered by NUS-ISS staff with an average of more than 20 years of industry experience.

Our Vision

Enabling a digital economy that is always learning and always leading

Our Mission

Developing digital talent through education, applied research, consulting and career services

Our Core Values

INTEGRITY We are honest, sincere and responsible in all our decisions and actions. We hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards and respect diversity among staff, students, customers and partners.

INNOVATION We continuously seek to inquire, learn, explore, experiment and implement challenging new ideas and solutions to deliver positive impact to industry and the nation.

INTERACTION We love to communicate openly and share our knowledge with one another. We actively engage all our stakeholders to stay relevant to the needs of our market.

INFLUENCE We strive to develop and inspire the next generation of leaders. We aim to do our very best to excel and be a role model to others, with speed, grace and humility always.

INTEGRATION We work as one team in everything we do. We collaborate seamlessly and synergize to achieve common goals. We value the contribution of others and are eager to help others succeed.

Our Milestones

'Our Milestones' timeline brings you through our journey - from our founding in 1981 to what we have accomplished today. It records the launch of all our graduate programmes, our industry collaborations and recognitions, and significant events at NUS-ISS.

2020s

2010s

2000s

1990s

1980s

Our Leadership

We wouldn't be what we are today if not for the vision provided by our leaders over the years. 'Our Leadership' timeline highlights the current and past chairpersons, as well as our management board. They all play an important role in providing strategic inputs to charting the direction of ISS.



Ms Janet Ang

Years Active: 2016 - Present

My aspiration is for NUS-ISS to build on its strengths as it continues to focus on nurturing leaders, transforming businesses, and developing practical ICT skills to enable the future economy, expand and deepen industry engagements, and to be the centre of excellence for all things digital and tech for continuing education in Singapore.

Prof Christopher Chia

Years Active: 2004 - 2016



From its beginnings in 1981, NUS-ISS has helped to educate and train people for the Information Age, creating a bridge to where we want to be in the future. It is a journey, and ISS will continue to prepare the ICT leaders of tomorrow, today.



Mr Michael Yap

Years Active: 1998 - 2004

NUS-ISS was there when the country took its first concerted step to push for an IT agenda. NUS-ISS was the institution that trained the first batches of IT professionals that led the nation in implementing our IT master plan. NUS-ISS was a pioneering effort. The spirit of being in the forefront, playing a critical role in the nation's IT development has never left NUS-ISS. It has had many firsts, and will continue to innovate.



Mr Stephen Yeo

Years Active: 1997 - 1998

I presided over the period when old NUS-ISS was merged with ITI and new NUS-ISS was spun out. It was a period of change; it was a difficult period for people because it had operated in this way for 10 over years. The report card, as it turned out, was quite good. I think NUS-ISS has found its own niche since separation.



Minister Lim Swee Say

Years Active: 1994 - 1996

I hope NUS-ISS will always be a key pillar, a leading IT architect in updating, spearheading and reinventing our IT and ICT manpower strategies in Singapore and the region. After all, whether Singapore will be able to transform itself into a knowledge-based economy and information society depends a lot on our ability to nurture innovators and early adopters. This is a very important challenge for NUS-ISS and Singapore.



Dr Tan Chin Nam

Years Active: 1992 - 1993

NUS-ISS is inseparable with the national computerisation effort of Singapore since its inception. With various versions of the national IT plan, NUS-ISS is able to make itself relevant and this includes IT education, consulting and R&D. Our vibrant startup culture can be traced back to that phase of NUS-ISS development when IT R&D was part of its mission integrating Information Technology Institute of the National Computer Board. As we evolve our Intelligent Island to become a smart nation, NUS-ISS still has much to contribute.

Mr Robert Iau (late)

Years Active: 1981 - 1991



It was a collective effort, driven consistently by enthusiasm and excitement. It was a time of striking out into untested areas with only common sense and inspiration as guide. That it had succeeded was purely fortuitous and certainly not confidently anticipated.

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